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April 04, 2021



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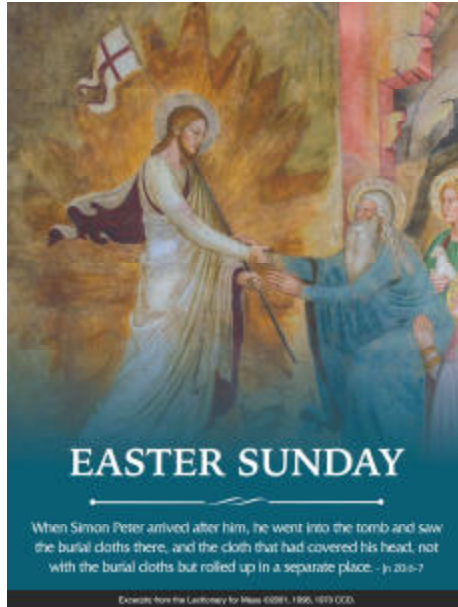
A Vicarious Descant

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

We have arrived at our solemn celebrations of the Lord's Resurrection and victory over sin and death. Today the Church also continues to joyfully welcome the newly baptized and those received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. The prayers of penance and repentance during Lent are meant to be followed by the prayers of praise and joy of Easter.

I have always thought it quite profound that all of us are anointed at least twice with the Holy Chrism—once at baptism and once at Confirmation (A priest is anointed a third time at his ordination, and a bishop is anointed a fourth time at his consecration). The first anointing is for the benefit of that infant or convert who now shares in the prophetic office of every Christian sent into the world to bear witness to the truth (Baptism booklet, Angelus Press). The second anointing is for the giving of gifts that are for the benefit of the Church. One of the children in catechism class was asked what she would do if a huge basket of food and gifts was delivered to her during class. Without hesitation she answered that she would share it with others. Through charity, the gifts which are given to one person benefit many.

Sorrow can not only block joy, but it can diminish hope. Faith is the gift. Love is the fulfillment. Hope is the bridge between the two. Hope is here and now. It is continuously held in our heart. It is our part of Faith. When we hope, we are making a choice. And yet, hope itself can dispel



sadness. Psalm 43 prophesizes the petitioning of the Holy Spirit and how we are to receive those gifts of the Spirit. We read, “O send forth your light and your truth; let these be my guide. Let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell (which, in Latin reads literally, “to your tabernacle).” We then read, “And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy (or, literally, ‘the God who is the joy since my youth’). These are the prayers at the foot of the altar that begin the holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form. We are here to listen, witness, receive and proclaim what is accomplished by the Holy Spirit.

On Good Friday we began our Divine Mercy Novena. After bringing before the Lord all of Mankind on Good Friday, then the souls of priests and religious yesterday, today our Divine Mercy Novena brings before the Lord all devout and faithful souls. Our Lord told St.

Faustina, “These souls brought me consolation on the Way of the Cross. They were a drop of consolation in the midst of an ocean of bitterness.”

The Lord asked that the Novena begin on Good Friday and conclude the day before Divine Mercy Sunday. Today's request is spoken by the one who conquered sin and death and, as one looking back at the Via Crucis, says to those devout and faithful souls, “You (now) were a consolation to me (then). You (now) were a drop of consolation amidst an ocean of bitterness (then).”

The here and now is how we honor God. Our fidelity is lived from moment unto moment, hour unto hour, day unto day, year unto year. A disciple is not an onlooker. There were plenty of onlookers on the Via Crucis. But by our perseverance and steadfast fidelity, as disciples, we can be numbered among those who gathered on the Via Crucis to console the Lord.

But our fidelity is also essential to our salvation. How do we ask the Lord to count us among those He has chosen? By being faithful to what he commanded his Apostles to teach. Our prayers we pray at Mass are drawn from the very words of the Apostles as Jesus commanded them to do. But because Our Lord gave St. Peter and the Church the power to bind and loose, the Church has continued to provide what is necessary for our salvation.

How can we be assured that what we do today is what the Lord commanded? Because He promised the Holy Spirit. And we now count the days to again be reminded and rejoice in the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions  for the Week

Monday, - April 05, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Teresa Clara Vitti (D)

Tuesday, - April 06, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Bill Jurewicz (D)

Wednesday, - April 07, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Kathleen Shirvish (D)

Thursday April 08, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Mary Grado (L)

Friday, - April 09, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Florence Muñoz and Family (L)

Saturday, -April 10, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Patrons of the Shrine

Sunday, April 11, 2021

6:30 a.m. – Special Intention

9:30 a.m. - People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. – Special Intention

Prayer for Mercy and Grace

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your power are all things and there is no one who can resist Your will. You deigned to be born as man and to rise again. By the mystery of Your most sacred body, by your five wounds, and the shedding of Your most precious blood, have mercy on us, accordingly as You know what we need for our bodies and souls. Deliver Us from the temptations of the devil and from everything by which You know we are oppressed. Keep us safe and strengthen us in Your service unto the end. Give us time to do penance, and grant the remission of all our sins when we come to die. Make us love one another, our brethren and sisters, friends and enemies, that hereafter we may rejoice forever with Your saints in Your kingdom, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, live and reign God for ever and ever. Amen.

Mass Servers

Saturday, April 10, 2021

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Cline

Sunday, April 11, 2021

6:30 a.m. R. Jacek, M. Pomeroy.

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. M. Chambers, A. & W. Remski, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

Readings for the week of April 04, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3



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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

HOLY DAY MASSES: 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

REGISTRATION: Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.

Prayer for Generosity

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve You as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I am doing Your will. Amen. -*Saint Ignatius of Loyola*

Of all the nine petitions Our Lord asked be remembered in the Divine Mercy Novena, He chose Easter Sunday to bring to Him the all devout and faithful souls. Devotion and fidelity: these marks of a true disciple of Jesus are not something that are expressed with hesitation. They are not fleeting. They are not given in half-measures. They are expressed by daily picking up our cross and following after Him. They are expressed through our prayers at those times when prayer is all we desire to do, and at those times when prayer seems the last thing we want to do. It is when we are confident and when we are uncertain. They are expressed in every thought, word and deed, in ways great and small, but they remain.

In our time, God has given His Church a great gift which has been handed on to us: the Message of the Divine Mercy of Jesus. The particular indulgence offered next Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, is perhaps unlike any other offered by the Church. It is meant to teach us to always call upon the Divine Mercy of God and thereby receive every help necessary for us and those for whom we pray to persevere here on earth that we might enter the Eternal Life of heaven. Let us look forward to that joyful day—Low Sunday in the Extraordinary Form—and petition the Lord for an abundant outpouring of His mercy on our families, our country, the Church and the world.

Grotto St. Vincent de Paul Helpers

Parishioners who are in need of help may contact Jeff Cline at 586-242-1959.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion

Any parents whose child is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion this year, please contact the rectory.

Altar Boy Training

Any boy who has received his First Holy Communion is eligible to be an altar

boy. Monthly Altar Boy Training will be held on the **Second Saturday** of each month in the church from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM. There will not be training on April 10.

Ushers Needed

We are in need of additional men to serve as ushers at the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass and 6:30 and Noon Sunday Masses. Please contact Marty at 586-873-3905 or the rectory office if you are able to help.

Catholic Marriage Assistance

Retrouvaille is a Catholic resource for helping troubled marriages. Over 44 years, they have helped over 175,000 marriages worldwide. Please visit helpourmarriage.org or call 800-470-2230 for current and future program details.

Grotto Secular Carmelites.

If you would like to be a part of a Fraternal Community, be inspired by Carmelite Saints, seek the face of God through contemplative prayer, and have a special devotion to our Blessed Mother, call Paula Zurawski at 586.463.1770 and leave a message **to schedule a visit with the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Discalced Carmelite Seculars**, at Assumption Grotto, in Detroit. We meet on the First Saturday of each month, beginning with a Communion Service at 8:30 A.M. The richness of Carmelite teachings and spirituality will still the restlessness of your heart as you learn to rest in the Lord.

Marian Catechists

The Marian Catechist Advanced Catholic Catechism Course is meeting every other Saturday in the School. The courses were originally written by Fr. John A. Hardon S.J. for St. Mother Teresa and The Missionaries of Charity. The Marian Catechist Apostolate is now under the direction of Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke. For more information on the Apostolate or if you wish to take the

Basic or Advanced Course call the rectory.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

Seven Sisters Apostolate Renewal of Prayer Commitments will take place June 11th. "One Sister, One Holy Hour Each Week, One Priest, One Heart of Prayer Together!"

On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 11th our three parish Seven Sisters groups will renew their prayer commitments to pray one Holy Hour a week for Fr. John Bustamante, Fr. Eduard Perrone and our Archbishop Allen Vigneron. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests as a substitute or alternate. If we have enough women we hope to be able to organize a new group for Fr. Aidan Logan who has been helping us at our parish.

See the flyer on the side tables of the church for more information on our three parish Seven Sisters Groups. Leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests in this apostolate.

"In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church....Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the church"-- Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.

For more information on the Seven Sisters Apostolate go to their website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>





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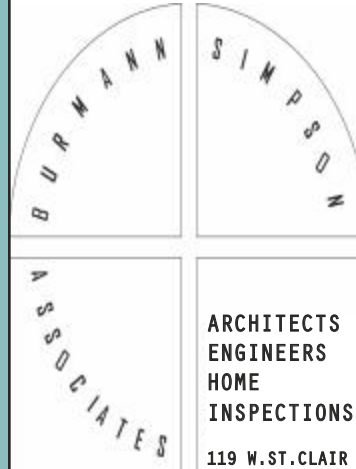
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DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI

Photos from liturgical events at Grotto;
select topics in Catholicism; useful links

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